Amendments to the Claims (As Amended to Incorporate the Article 34 Amendments):

Please substitute pages 6 and 7 with the attached amended pages 6 and 7 of the claims as originally filed. The new pages incorporate revisions to the international PCT application which were modified under Article 34.

Before claim 1 on amended page 6 insert --We claim:--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~A soil compacting device ~~having~~comprising:
a lower mass ~~(1)~~ that comprises a compacting plate ~~(2)~~, an upper mass ~~(4)~~ connected with the lower mass ~~(1)~~ via a spring damping device ~~(3)~~, a vibration generator ~~(6)~~ that loads the compacting plate ~~(2)~~, and an undercarriage ~~(7)~~ having one or more roller elements ~~(9)~~ situated in rotatable fashion on an undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~ for the transport of the device,
~~characterized in that~~wherein
- the undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~ is stationary in relation to the device;
- the undercarriage ~~(7)~~ is attached to the lower mass ~~(1)~~; and ~~that~~wherein
- in a transport position, the compacting plate ~~(2)~~ does not touch the soil, but the roller elements ~~(9)~~ touch the soil and bear the weight of the device.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as ~~recited~~ claimed in ~~C~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, for a given roller element diameter, the axial position of the undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~ is selected in such a way that
- in a vibrating position, the compacting plate ~~(2)~~ makes flat contact with the soil and the roller elements ~~(9)~~ do not touch the soil, and

a changeover between the two positions being possible by tipping the overall device about an axis that corresponds essentially to the undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as ~~recited~~ claimed in ~~C~~claim 2, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein the axial position of the undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~ and the size of the roller elements ~~(9)~~ are selected such that
- in the vibrating position, there is a distance (a) between a soil contact surface of the compacting plate ~~(2)~~ and the lowest point of the roller elements ~~(9)~~, and
- a distance (b) results by which, in the transport position, the roller elements ~~(9)~~ extend past what is then the lowest point of the compacting plate ~~(2)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as recited in ~~one of C~~claims 1 ~~to 3~~, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein the undercarriage axle ~~(8)~~ is situated above the compacting plate ~~(2)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as recited in ~~one of C~~claims 1 ~~to 4~~, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein the roller elements ~~(9)~~ have an intentional imbalance ~~(11)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as recited in ~~one of C~~claims 2 ~~to 5~~, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein a step surface ~~(12)~~ is laterally present on the upper mass ~~(4)~~ for the supporting of a moment required for the change of positions.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~S~~The soil compacting device as ~~recited~~ claimed in ~~one of C~~claims 3 ~~to 6~~, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein a step surface ~~(12)~~ is laterally present on the upper mass ~~(4)~~ for the supporting of a moment required for the change of positions.